

**Circular Letter No. ...44/ 2018**

My No. PGIM/EX/13/PDTCD ('17)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine  
160, Norris Canal Road  
Colombo 7  
03<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

To: Director/ NHSL, Colombo,  
Directors/ MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,  
Chest Hospital, Welisara,  
Central Chest Clinic, MRI,  
Chest Clinic, Kalutara, Nagoda,  
Regional Directors of Health Services,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,  
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,  
Sri Jayewardenepura,

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TUBERCULOSIS & CHEST DISEASES EXAMINATION**  
**JUNE 2018**

1. The above examination will commence on **12<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination:
  - a) Obtained 50% or more for the case book.
  - b) Obtained 150 / 300 (50%) or more as the aggregate mark from all three continuous assessments.
  - c) Submitted the completed log book, duly signed by the supervisor.
  - d) Obtain more than 80% attendance during the one-year training program.
  - (e) A satisfactory report of completion of the training programme certified by the Trainer/ Supervisor.

**Note :-**

Those who are eligible in terms of the above requirements should submit with the application, the "Log Book" which provides evidence of their successful completion of the said training. The signature of the relevant Consultant trainers should be obtained before submission of the Log Book.

3. The examination will consist of 03 assessments.

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**(i) In-course Assessment**

Three in-course assessments will be held during the one-year period to assess progress of trainees at each assessment the candidate would be marked out of 100 marks. The average mark (out of 100) from all three assessments will be taken forward to be included to the total marks at the final examination.

**(ii) Final Assessment**

The final examination would comprise of a written and clinical examination.

**Written examination**

This will comprise of two papers.

- a) Data interpretation: 5 questions on data interpretation to be answered within one hour
- b) Case histories: 5 questions on case histories to be answered within one hour.

Each question would be marked out of 100 marks and would be assessed by two independent examiners.

A mean of the total added would be taken as the final mark in each component.

**(iii) Clinical examination**

**OSCE**

There would be 10 stations at the OSCE examination, based on relevant clinical material, investigations used in respiratory diseases, communication skills etc. Time allocated would be 5 minutes per station.

Each question would be marked out of 100 marks by two independent examiners. The mean of the total added would be taken as the final mark.

**Long case**

Each candidate would be allocated one long case (on respiratory disease) and would be given a period of 30 minutes for history taking and examination. An additional 15 minutes would be allocated for discussion.

There would be two examiners: one would be a consultant respiratory physician and the other would be either a consultant general physician or another consultant respiratory physician.

The case would be marked out of 100 by each of the examiner and the mean would be taken as the final mark.

### Short cases

There would be three panels of examiners. Each panel would consist of a consultant respiratory physician and a consultant general or respiratory physician.

Candidates would be sent to all three panels in rotation and at each panel they would be asked to examine 2 respiratory cases followed by a brief discussion.

Each panel would be given a total duration of 10 minutes with each candidate.

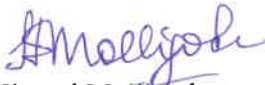
Each short case would be marked out of 100 marks by each examiner and the average taken. Summative mark from the addition of all three panels would be converted to a base mark of 100.

4. **A candidate has to obtain a final overall mark of 50% or more and a mark of 50% or more in the clinical component to pass the examination.**
5. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Postgraduate Diploma examination are required to be present for the first scheduled examination after completion of the training programme. If a candidate does not apply or does not sit the first scheduled examination or subsequent scheduled examinations for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study, the examinations will be counted as attempts.
6. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the Postgraduate Diploma which must be made within a period of 8 years from the date of the first examination.** This requirement will not apply to those candidates who have sat the Selection/Part I examinations before 1998. However, after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth attempt.
7. The prescribed fees for the Examination shall be as follows:-
  - (a) Application fee - Rs. 2,000.00 (Non Refundable)
  - (b) Registration fee - Rs. 5,000.00 (Non Refundable)
  - (c) Examination fee - Rs. 30,000.00(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on fees stated above.)

***Only online payments will be accepted by the PGIM***

8. The Application form could be download from our website [www.prim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.prim.cmb.ac.lk)
9. Applications with every cage duly filled should be forwarded to the Assistant Registrar/Examinations, PGIM, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018**. The envelope should be marked "**Application for Postgraduate Diploma in Tuberculosis & Chest Diseases Examination**" at the top left-hand corner. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

10. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – [www.health.gov.lk](http://www.health.gov.lk).
11. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
12. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2018.
13. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
14. The candidates will be issued an “**Examination Feedback Form**” with the admission documents and this should be sent back to Director/PGIM under confidential cover **within 48 hours after conclusion of the examination**. If the form is not returned it will be assumed that you do not have any concerns regarding the examination and it was conducted according to the Prospectus/rules/regulations of the PGIM. **No complaints or concerns regarding the examination will be entertained after 48 hours of conclusion of the examination or following the release of results** nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.
15. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM web site [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updated details.

  
Dr. Himani Molligoda  
Acting Deputy Director,

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